

Mineral Industry Surveys

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GOLD IN JANUARY 2007

U.S. mines produced 18,500 kilograms (kg) of gold in January, a 33% decrease compared with that of December, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The daily production rate of gold in January was 596 kg, 33% lower than the

December 2006 average rate of 892 kg and 13% lower than the 2006 annual average daily production rate of 688 kg.

Engelhard Industries' average gold price for January was \$632.85 per troy ounce, 4% higher than the December average

price.

TABLE 1 $\label{eq:mine_production} \mbox{ MINE PRODUCTION OF RECOVERABLE GOLD IN THE UNITED } \\ \mbox{STATES, BY STATE}^1$

(Kilograms)

| | Other | | | | |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|--|--|
| | Nevada | States ² | Total | | |
| 2006: ^p | | | | | |
| January | 15,100 | 3,170 | 18,300 | | |
| February | 14,800 | 3,350 | 18,100 | | |
| March | 18,400 | 4,100 | 22,400 | | |
| April | 15,900 | 3,730 | 19,700 | | |
| May | 15,400 | 4,240 | 19,600 | | |
| June | 15,600 | 4,170 | 19,800 | | |
| July | 15,300 | 4,320 | 19,600 | | |
| August | 15,500 | 4,030 | 19,600 | | |
| September | 16,800 | 3,850 | 20,600 | | |
| October | 19,400 | 3,680 | 23,000 | | |
| November | 20,200 | 3,140 | 23,300 | | |
| December | 24,500 | 3,260 | 27,800 | | |
| January-December | 207,000 | 45,000 | 252,000 | | |
| 2007, January | 15,000 | 3,440 | 18,500 | | |

^pPreliminary.

TABLE 2 GOLD PRICES

(Dollars per troy ounce)

| F 11 1 T 1 | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Engelhard Industries: | |
| 2006: | |
| Low/date | 526.29 Jan. 5 |
| High/date | 726.88 May 12 |
| Average | 605.83 |
| 2007, January: | |
| Low/date | 610.08/10 |
| High/date | 653.51/25 |
| Average | 632.85 |
| Average: | |
| Handy and Harman: | |
| 2006 | 604.00 |
| 2007, January | 630.97 |
| London Final: | |
| 2006 | 604.33 |
| 2007, January | 631.17 |

Source: Platts Metals Week.

¹Data are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington.

 $\label{eq:table 3} \textbf{U.S. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOLD}^1$

(Kilograms of gold content, unless otherwise specified)

| Period and country | Ores and concentrates ² | Doré and precipitates | Refined bullion ³ | Total ⁴ | Waste and scrap (gross weight) | Metal powder (gross weight) | Gold compounds (gross weight) |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Imports for consumption: | concentrates | precipitates | bullion | Total | (gross weight) | (gross weight) | (gross weight) |
| | 1.620 | 224 000 | 105 000 | 241 000 | 27 200 | 1,990 | 20.500 |
| 2005 | 1,630 | 234,000 | 105,000 | 341,000 | 27,300 | 1,990 | 29,500 |
| 2006: | . 11 | 0.600 | 11 400 | 20.100 | 2 140 | 150 | 20,400 |
| October | . 11 | 8,680 | 11,400 | 20,100 | 3,140 | 159 | 30,400 |
| November | 30 | 6,890 | 9,580 ^r | 16,500 | 3,830 | 73 | 11,200 |
| December: | | | | | | | 5 |
| Brazil | | | 415 | 415 | | | 43,300 5 |
| Canada | | 5 | 6,660 | 6,660 | 595 ⁵ | 57 ⁵ | |
| Chile | · | 703 | | 703 | | | |
| Colombia | | 311 | 115 | 426 | 775 | | |
| Costa Rica | | 9 5 | | 9 | 155 5 | | |
| Dominican Republic | | | | | 687 5 | 2 5 | |
| Ecuador | | 162 | | 162 | 11 5 | | |
| Guatemala | | 1,960 5 | | 1,960 | 23 5 | | |
| Honduras | | 391 | | 391 | 119 5 | | |
| Japan | | | | | | 3 5 | 1,450 5 |
| Mexico | | 77 5 | 2,940 5 | 3,020 | 831 5 | 10 5 | |
| Netherlands | · | | | | | | 2,600 5 |
| Peru | · | 4,650 | | 4,650 | | | |
| United Kingdom | · | | 956 ⁵ | 956 | | | |
| Other | 2 5 | 260 5 | 57 ⁵ | 319 | 259 5 | 18 5 | |
| Total | 2 | 8,530 | 11,100 | 19,700 | 3,460 | 91 | 47,300 |
| Year to date | 1,090 | 125,000 | 136,000 | 263,000 | 43,000 | 1,460 | 122,000 |
| Exports: | | -, | , | , | ., | , | , |
| 2005 | 1,380 | 141,000 | 182,000 | 324,000 | 563,000 | 687 | 1,310,000 |
| 2006: | | , | ,,,,,,, | ,,,,,, | , | | ,, |
| October | 125 | 11,500 | 22,200 | 33,800 | 39,400 | 184 | 130,000 |
| November | 230 | 10,100 | 17,400 | 27,800 | 91,300 | 173 | 138,000 |
| December: | | 10,100 | 17,100 | 27,000 | 71,000 | 17.0 | 120,000 |
| Australia | | | 2,820 | 2,820 | | | |
| Belgium | = | | 2,020 | 2,020 | 476 ⁵ | | |
| Canada | | 28 | 9 | 37 | 13,200 5 | | 31,700 5 |
| China | | | | | 163 | | 30,600 ⁵ |
| | | | | | | | 2,630 |
| Costa Rica | 17 ⁵ | | 6 | 6 | | | 2,630 15,300 ⁵ |
| Dominican Republic | . 1/ - | | | 17 | | | |
| Germany | · | | 1.000 | 1.000 | 9,070 | | 813 5 |
| Hong Kong | · | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 16 | 3 | 4.000.5 |
| Israel | | | | | | | 4,860 5 |
| Malaysia | | | 124 | 124 | 3 5 | | |
| Mexico | 15 | | 95 | 110 | | | 521 5 |
| Senegal | | | | | | | 6,700 5 |
| Singapore | , | | 5 | 5 | | | 76,400 5 |
| Switzerland | 120 5 | 15,300 | | 15,400 | | | |
| Taiwan | | | | | | 1 | 2,850 5 |
| Tunisia | | | | | | | 4,510 5 |
| United Kingdom | | 3 | 12,900 | 12,900 | 9,670 | 8 | 1,150 5 |
| Other | 35 5 | | 52 5 | 87 | 42 5 | 90 5 | 569 |
| Total | 187 | 15,300 | 17,000 | 32,500 | 32,600 | 100 | 179,000 |
| Year to date | 2,690 | 159,000 | 228,000 | 389,000 | 567,000 | 1,320 | 1,460,000 |

⁻⁻ Zero.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

 $^{^{1}\}mathrm{Data}$ are rounded to no more than three significant digits; may not add to totals shown.

²Includes gold content of base metal ores, concentrates, and matte imported for refining.

³Bullion also moves in both directions between U.S. markets and foreign stocks on deposit in the Federal Reserve Bank. Monetary gold excluded.

⁴"Waste and scrap," "Metal powder," and "Gold compounds" not included in "Total."

⁵All or part of these data have been referred to the U.S. Census Bureau for verification.